

# BOTANY CAMPUS

Friday 12 March 2024

## Term 1: Week 11

### GARY JOHNSTONE - ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora parents, caregivers, and friends of the school,

For the past 9 years, my wife and I plus rescue cat Sox, have been blessed to live on a small block of land in Clevedon.

On this block, we currently have 9 ewes, 6 lambs, and a wether (castrated male). I was shocked recently to discover that one of the female lambs

has begun to shed her wool. After some research it seems that the lamb was stressed, presumably from being bullied by the other sheep. This wee lass (born late) is at the tail end of the pecking order and is getting a hard time from the rest of the flock. She is now isolated in an adjoining paddock, living the good life on green grass and sheep-nut supplements, gaining weight and growing back her wool. Soon she will be strong enough to rejoin her 'friends' and cope with country life.

Sadly, bullying is too often an issue in NZ schools. Like the illustration of the sheep, it may be necessary to provide a blanket of protection for a period to heal and strengthen, and to provide strategies to cope and defend. Without strategies in place for which the student feels they own, a bullied student remains a victim.

Again, the illustration of the sheep teaches me that in life there is always a bully who will take advantage of those perceived weaker than themselves. However, I have also learnt that all sheep, bullies or non-bullied, are dependent on their shepherd for care.

Pray that God will raise up good shepherds in NZ - in politics, leadership, caregiving, teaching, pastoring. And let's not forget who remains the greatest shepherd of all. John 10:11

Gary Johnstone

## EASTER ASSEMBLY



**Christ has Risen  
He is risen indeed!**

## DATES

**Monday 15 – Sunday 28 April**  
School Holidays

## ELIM'S GOT TALENT

This year, the World Vision team is bringing back Elim's Got Talent!

Elim's Got Talent is a night full of talented Year 7-13 Elim students each performing an item on stage in the Elim Botany Church auditorium.

Elim's Got Talent will be held on Thursday 23rd May from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm.

The night is open to everyone in our school and wider community, with tickets being \$5 each.

All money fundraised will go towards World Vision.

More details can be found on the poster.

If anyone or any company would like to sponsor us that would be much appreciated.

Bring your family and friends over for an entertaining night! See you there!



The poster for 'Elim's Got Talent' features a vertical title 'ELIM'S GOT TALENT' on the left side. The background is a warm orange and yellow gradient with white starburst graphics. At the bottom, there are white silhouettes of a male performer with a guitar and a female performer in a dress. A 'Download' button is overlaid on the silhouettes. The text on the right provides event details:

**WHEN:** Thursday 23rd May

**WHERE:** Elim Christian College auditorium

**WHO:** Performances will be for year 7 - 13, but anyone can come watch

**TICKETS:** \$5 per ticket - sold online

**AUDITIONS:** Signups will be posted on Schoology with a google form and 1-2 minute long audition video

All money fundraised will be going towards World Vision. If anyone or any company would like to sponsor us or donate that would be much appreciated

Elim Christian College

## SPORTS COUNCIL UPDATE

We have had a very busy term 1 at Botany Campus jam packed with lots of sporting events and competitions! To begin, we had our Elim Senior Athletics Day which saw 4 students going on to compete at the Zone competitions, and 2 students going further to compete at Auckland Athletics Championships. We had 2 students compete in the Counties Manukau Tennis tournament, 4 teams competing in the College Sport Eastern Zone Volleyball competitions (including 2 teams going to Auckland Championship), our Elim Swimming Sports, the 6-week orienteering series, 3x3 Regional Basketball Tournament, 2 students compete in event 1 of the Rock Climbing Series and top it all off a sports exchange with Hamilton Christian School and Kingsway College yesterday! It's been a great term and we have had a lot to celebrate!

### Orienteering Sprint Series / Sprint Finals

This term our orienteering students had a really successful season! We had a good mix of senior and middle-year students attending all the events and putting in their all. There were 36 students competing in the 6-week series, where they completed courses over 6 different locations. We had 5 people who placed top 10 in their year group. They were invited to compete in the Auckland Orienteering sprint finals which were held on Sunday the 7th of April across two different locations!  
Big THANK YOU to Mr Thomas for transporting the team and cheering us on every week!

### Auckland Athletics Championships

On Tuesday 26th March, two of our senior students represented Elim at the Auckland Athletics Championships, competing against 80 other schools. These students were Munashe Zvavahera (Yr 13) and Duncan Ramsey (Yr 13). Both were strong competitors with Munashe coming 5th in high jump and Duncan coming 9th in long jump! Congratulations!!

### 3X3 NORTHERN REGIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Five students recently represented Elim in the 3x3 Northern Regional Tournament held at Bruce Pulman Park from Sunday 17th - Tuesday 19th March.

Our team of Isaiah Dunn, Jayden Chandra, Donovan Reckling and Luke Hunter competed in the Senior Open Boys Grade against 19 other schools in the Northern region of NZ.

Lucas Mawkes officiated during the tournament as a referee. 3x3 is fast and furious - each game is only 10 mins long, or the first team to 21 points. The team had outstanding results during pool play, winning 6/10 games and narrowly missing out on a top 8 placing due to a technical error. They went on to win their final three games earning a well-deserved 9th place. Congratulations to the team for representing Elim so well!

Thank you to the parents and staff who supported the team all the way!



**CONGRATULATIONS** also to Isaiah Dunn, Jayden Chandra and Donovan Reckling who have been selected to Counties Manukau Basketball U18 Whero and Pango teams. We wish them the best of luck at the upcoming Regional Qualifiers Tournament in the school holidays as they compete with their respective teams for a spot at NZ Basketball Nationals in July. Go hard boys!



## Sports Exchange with Kingsway School and Hamilton Christian College

On Wednesday 10th April, we joined Hamilton Christian School and Kingsway College to compete in a one-day sports exchange/tournament. This was a new initiative between the schools and was a great event! We sent 87 students to compete in netball, volleyball, basketball, hockey, and football. Our teams competed hard with a mixture of results throughout the day. Kingsway were amazing hosts, providing our teams with an evening of food, worship, and a great guest speaker.

We are looking forward to attending next year and thank all the teachers and coaches who came along and supported our teams over the day!

**Netball:** The netball girls played their first two games of the season with one loss and one win. They were able to work together and come back for a great win in their second game!

**Volleyball (Girls & Boys):** The volleyball girls played their two games experiencing some challenges and the intensity on the court was high. Luckily, the girls came out strong winning both games. The boys had a great day and started strong! Even though the results of their 2nd game didn't go their way, Captain Solomon wasn't phased and said "Had lots of fun, even though we got thrashed. The vibes were high."

**Basketball:** The boys played two tough games during the tournament, but were able to pull off a great win against Kingsway. They fought hard in the last game against HCS and will be going into their season with improved teamwork, sportsmanship, and techniques because of this opportunity to compete!

**Hockey (Girls & Boys):** The boys (11 aside) and girls (9 aside) teams played their first hockey games of the year which will help set them up for an exciting season ahead.

**Football (Girls & Boys):** The boy's football team played their first football games of the year and won both games. They showed great cooperation during the matches. The girl's football team also had a fun experience playing their games with great teamwork.



## SPORT KOTAHITANGA

This year our sports council has introduced a new and exciting initiative called the Sport Kotahitanga award of the week. Students nominate other students who are representing Elim in their chosen sports that have displayed our Kotahitanga Value of the week. All nominations go into the draw and a name is drawn for special recognition. It is off to a great start and it's been awesome to see the nominations coming through!

Our Kotahitanga values are:

- We are courageous, we show Maia
- We are kind we show Aroha
- We are respectful we show Manaakitanga
- We are diligent, we show Pukuahuwhenua

Congratulations to students who have received the recognition for the Kotahitanga of the week. Well done to these students and all our students who are nominated for their displays of sportsmanship!

Week 10 - Pukuahuwhenua, Diligence - Samuel Zeng

Week 8 - Pukuahuwhenua, Diligence - Mezpah Siasoi-Lutu

Week 7 - Manaakitanga, Respect - Devine Sagote

Week 6 - Aroha, Kindness - Teulia Faafoi

We have been busy preparing for our winter sports season and are looking forward to Term 2 as we kick off our games! Across both Botany & Golflands campuses, we have a number of teams competing in the following sport codes this season. Hockey 11 aside boys, Hockey 8 aside girls, 6 Netball Teams, 4 Basketball Girls Teams, 3 Basketball Boys Teams, 5 Badminton teams, 3 Table Tennis teams, 2 Football Girls teams, 2 Football boys teams + many more opportunities coming up in Term 2 for sports!

## FROM THE HOWICK YOUTH COUNCIL



**Howick Youth Council**

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“Are you ready to unlock your potential and surprise yourself with what you're capable of? Are you excited to challenge yourself and unleash your inner athlete?

Well, the opportunity is here for you... HYC's 2024 Sports Fest!!

A day of various fun sports games, free food, and friendships to be formed. This is a great chance to meet people in our area, and participate in a day of sports. Participants with any level of sports experience/skill are welcome, as this is an event focussed on creating a safe environment. The form to sign up for Sports Fest is below - you can sign up with your friends or individually!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0J1ff49EWT47xF7hUnXMqWz2Sj4a6\\_mSy6m9dKuX8QXPZew/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0J1ff49EWT47xF7hUnXMqWz2Sj4a6_mSy6m9dKuX8QXPZew/viewform?usp=pp_url)

We would greatly appreciate it if you could add this blurb to your school notices or social media pages as it would help rangatahi to branch out and get out of their comfort zone.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to your reply!

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Prajna Chaudhry



## YR 12 OED KAYAK EXPEDITION TO TAWHITOKINO



The year 12 OED class had another successful kayaking trip to Tawhitokino Beach. Our key learning points for our expedition were trip planning, weather forecasting, kayaking skills, and developing teamwork and interpersonal skills. The weather cooperated with us and we avoided the rain. We had perfectly smooth water for the paddle home. It was a great trip for all involved.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH: SILVER AND GOLD PRACTICE ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY



## **DUKE OF EDINBURGH TRAMP TO MOUNT TE AROHA**

*"It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves."* Sir Edmund Hillary

As the two Elim Christian College vans trundled into the quaint Edwardian town of Te Aroha, the imposing Kaimai Range loomed into view. The trepidation in the van was palpable; Mr Foster's reassurances that the 952-metre-high peak was "light work" failed to assuage the nerves of the Silver and Gold students. However, after many hours of perspiration, perseverance, and a game called Wavelength, Mr Foster's group managed to summit the majestic maunga and were rewarded with a stunning view of the Kaimai Range. Among the group there was a deeply felt sense of accomplishment and of personal conquest—that was until Mr Foster reminded them that five hours of trail lay between them at the safe haven of the Waitawheta hut.

Meanwhile, Mrs Borthwick led her group valiantly through the dense bush by means of a well-manicured path and politely-placed suspension bridges. She assured Mr Foster later that it was still a valiant effort, even though there were no blisters to speak of and all toe nails were intact. Little did she know the grueling odyssey that awaited her on Day 2.

Once both groups arrived at the hut, cooked their meals and settled down for a few games of scum, the night fell upon them quickly. The groups unwanted neighbour "Noodles"—an aptly named possum who frightened the Year 12 boys by thieving some of their dinner from right under their feet—continued to terrorise any who wished to use the composting toilet located just 10 metres from the hut.

Day 2 proved to be a pleasant venture for Mr Foster's group, and Mrs Borthwick left the hut with her Silver students surprising spritely, sustained somewhat some would say by the sustenance supplied by sloppy oats. Both groups arrived safely back at their vehicles, all limbs attached and—after a quintessential maccas stop—began their leisurely drive back to the Botany Campus. Back to the arms of their loved ones. Brimming with the satisfaction that can only come from conquering a mountain.

I would like to thank our 2023 Head Girl Kaelin Jackson for her assistance on this trip! She was an asset to the team; her experience as a Duke of Edinburgh Gold graduate was invaluable. Mr Foster

## **ADMINISTRATION NOTICES**

### **Permission Form to complete for students who bring a vehicle to Botany Campus**

<https://forms.gle/ZXwjiMA4DdYU1LB26>

In receiving permission to bring a vehicle to school the student is reminded of the following;

I agree to the following conditions:

1. Vehicles are to be used only for direct transport to and from school at the correct times.
2. The driver must have a current New Zealand driving licence.
3. The vehicle must have a current warrant of fitness.
4. You may carry only those passengers for whom you have approval. You can only carry passengers if you have a full driver's licence – this is NZ law.
5. The school can accept no responsibility for the care of your vehicle and related gear.
6. Scooter and motor cyclists must wear a crash helmet – no pillion passengers are allowed.
7. Permission, if granted, applies only to the vehicle listed above and must be renewed at the beginning of each year.
8. Student vehicles must not be parked in the Botany Church car park or in the school grounds